

Live style for Ancient china

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Do you want to know about how the poor and the rich people live? If you do I will be talking about what the poor and rich people's lives were like.

Life for the poor was really hard because they had to live in little houses made of mud and straw. Some times they had their houses under ground to keep warmer in winter.

The poor people did not eat really good food. They ate noodles, steamed bread, and rice. The things that poor people did in their free time was that they like to play cards, gamble, watch plays, and listen to storytellers.

Poor women's clothing was made of wool in winter and cotton in summer. They never wore silk.

The rich people's lives were better than poor people's because in their free time the rich people played polo on a horseback in the palace grounds at Chang'an and amused themselves and their guests by inviting musicians, acrobats, and dancers to perform.

When they were outside the rich women listened to music, wrote poetry, weaved, embroidered, and sewed.

The rich people's houses were much bigger. They had a high wall made of rammed earth all the way around them, with no window and just one door, to keep the family safe. As soon as you went through this door you would see another short wall, which kept

people from seeing into your courtyard as they walked by, for privacy.

The last thing I will be talking about the rich people is how they eat. They ate raw or cooked, vegetables or pickled food that is spicy or mild, sweet or sour. They ate pork.



The rich houses



Poor people houses

So you can see what was the lives for both and which one was better. I think that the best was the rich because they ate better food and have a bigger house and the rich people had a smaller house and ate the same food all the times.

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